

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, as originally filed in the grandparent application, have been cancelled herein without prejudice and new claims 13-113 have been added. Examination on the basis of claims 13-113 is respectfully requested.

In addition, the specification has been amended to add a cross reference to the prior applications from which this application is continued, and to add patent numbers of various applications referred to in the specification. A revised Abstract is also enclosed and is substituted for the original Abstract. In addition, the title of the application has been amended in accord with new claims 13-113. Further, five sheets of corrected, formal drawings are enclosed with this Preliminary Amendment for filing in the application. Approval and entry of these corrected, formal drawings is respectfully requested.

New claims 13-113 are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, examination on the basis of new claims 13-113 and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

A vehicle interior mirror system comprises a housing adapted for releasable mounting to a receiving structure on the interior surface of the windshield of a vehicle. A first electrical component/accessory preferably is included in the housing. A rearview mirror comprising a rearview mirror element attaches to the housing by a pivot joint, the rearview mirror being pivotally adjustable about the housing and the housing remaining fixedly mounted to the interior surface of the windshield of the vehicle while the rearview mirror is being adjusted. The rearview mirror includes a second electrical component/accessory. A removable cover on the housing provides access to at least the first electrical component/accessory in the housing. Preferably, electrical wiring passes through the pivot joint, while the rearview mirror is an electro-optic mirror. Various electrical components/accessories can be housed in the housing that attaches to the windshield, such as a rain sensor, a compass sensor, a headlamp sensor, an antenna, a camera, a microphone, or the like.

In the Drawings:

Five (5) sheets of corrected, formal drawings including FIGS. 1-9, are enclosed for filing in the present application. These drawings correct the informalities noted in the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) mailed April 24, 2001, in the grandparent application Serial No. 09/433,467. Approval and entry of these corrected, formal drawings is respectfully requested.